

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 17, 2012

The regularly scheduled meeting for April was held on April 17, 2012 in the Township Building in Ferndale, PA. Vice-Chairman, Carl Bahnck opened the meeting at 7:40 P.M. with a salute to the flag.

**Other Members Present:**                      **Others in attendance:**

Albert Santopietro

Attorney

Nancy Alessi

Krista Harper

Shannon Doman

Secretary

Arlene E. Eichlin

**Member Absent:**

Treasurer:

Chair, Wm. C. Sadow, Jr.

Keith R. DeLuca

Due to the absence of Chair, Wm. Sadow, Jr., the meeting was conducted by Vice-Chair, Carl Bahnck.

**SCHEDULING:**

-The schedule for the month was reviewed by Vice-Chairman, Carl Bahnck.

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

-A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Shannon Doman, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

-A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Shannon Doman, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2012 Board of Supervisors Work Session. The motion carried 4-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Open for 20 minutes - limited to three minutes per person.

Katherine Throckmorton commented that the Gallows Run Watershed Assoc. forum for Thursday, April 19, 2012 will be held at the Palisades High School auditorium.

-Jim Logan commented that the bridge on Quarry Road has been damaged and wanted to bring it to the Board's attention. It was noted that the County was contacted.

-Henry Gawronski commented about the purchase of the Public Works truck. The Board commented that it would be discussed during the meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**a. Public Works Report - March 2012 -** A motion was made by Albert Santopietro, seconded by Nancy Alessi, to approve the March 2012 Public Works report as presented. Under discussion, Nancy Alessi, thanked the Public Works Dept. for the memo regarding bridge weight signage. She noted that residents have commented about the good job they did on the Lonely Cottage Bridge.

The motion carried 4-0-0.

**-Ludwig Engineering Bridge Proposals:** 1) BMS#09-7217-0467-0002, Lonely Cottage over Beaver Creek and 2) BMS#09-7217-0481-0001, Trauger's Crossing over Gallows Run - Discussion - It was the consensus of the Board to table this matter until the May meeting.

**b. Treasurer's Report:**

Keith DeLuca gave the report.

-All quarterly reports are complete and are ready to be submitted once checks are approved.

-The Treasurer requests the Boards permission to order the replacement LED Traffic Signal lights from Stouch Lighting. The Township was awarded a grant from the State for this purchase in 2011.

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The following LED Quotes were received:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Stouch Lighting</u>			<u>ECON</u>		<u>Signal Service Inc</u>	
<u>Size/Color</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
12" Red	23	\$48.40	\$1,113.20	\$52.80	\$1,214.40	\$51.80	\$1,191.40
12" Yellow	22	\$61.60	\$1,355.20	\$69.60	\$1,531.20	\$61.60	\$1,355.20
12" Green	22	\$81.40	\$1,790.80	\$60.00	\$1,320.00	\$72.80	\$1,601.60
12" Yellow Arrow	6	\$42.90	\$257.40	\$67.20	\$403.20	\$58.80	\$352.80
12" Green Arrow	7	\$55.00	\$385.00	\$55.20	\$386.40	\$60.20	\$421.40
8" Red	4	\$42.90	\$171.60	\$44.40	\$177.60	\$44.80	\$179.20
8" Yellow	10	\$42.90	\$429.00	\$67.20	\$672.00	\$47.60	\$476.00
8" Green	4	\$55.00	\$220.00	\$60.00	\$240.00	\$56.00	\$224.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$5,722.20</b>		<b>\$5,944.80</b>		<b>\$5,801.60</b>

A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Albert Santopietro, to approve the purchase of the LED lights per the Quote received from Stouch Lighting in the amount of \$5,722.20. The motion carried 4-0-0.

-The Open Space Committee made a request to update the Open Space page of the Township website. In addition the Treasurer requests to add the attached graph to the site. A motion was made by Shannon Doman, seconded by Albert Santopietro, to include the Nockamixon Township Residents Property Tax pie chart to the website to advise residents how tax money is divided between the Township, County and School District. The motion carried 3-1-0 with Nancy Alessi voting nay.

-Highlighted on tonight's bill list is the new dump truck body and plow in the amount of \$49,640.00 and \$16,818.43 for the Townships annual Liability and Property Insurance premiums.

-Bills being presented tonight; from the General Fund, \$101,835.63; State Fund, \$1,183.06; Fire and EMS Tax Distribution, \$24,009.35; Recreation Fund, \$300.00 and from the Escrow Fund, \$1,990.00.

-Transfers requested tonight: \$300.00 from Rec Fund to General Fund; \$100,000.00 from the High Yield Money Market to the General Fund (to be reimbursed by loan proceeds for the new truck).

-A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Shannon Doman, to approve the April 2012 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

-A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Shannon Doman, to approve the April 2012 Bill List as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

-A motion was made by Carl Bahnck, seconded by Nancy Alessi, to transfer \$300.00 from the Rec Fund to the General Fund and \$100,000.00 from the High Yield Money Market to the General Fund which would be reimbursed by loan proceeds for the new truck. The motion carried 4-0-0.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS: (as needed)

-Zoning Report - April 2012 - Albert Santopietro, seconded by Nancy Alessi, to approve the April 2012 Zoning Report as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0. The Board discussed the "Wetlands Reunion Party - May 4-6 at Tower Farm." They requested that the Solicitor send a letter to the coordinator of the party.

-Emergency Management - Proclamation Page Update - No members in attendance. The Board discussed the Proclamation Page update to the Nockamixon Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and, after a lengthy discussion, requested additional information. The Secretary will contact Tom Macfarlan, the Emergency Operations Coordinator. The Board tabled this matter until the May Meeting.

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**-EAC - Co-Chair Jeffrey Petersen was in attendance.** There were no action items. April EAC meeting cancelled to attend the April 12, 2012, Act 13 of 2012 meeting. The Board was given a list of items for discussion at the April 26, 2012 Work Session.

**-BNT Ground Water Committee -** No members in attendance - no report.

**-Open Space Committee -** No members in attendance - no report.

**-Park & Recreation Board - Ehrlich Contract 2012 (Veteran's Park) -** the Board reviewed the contract received from Ehrlich to spray the ball field and walking path. It was noted that there was no price increase. **A motion was made by Albert Santopietro, seconded by Shannon Doman, to approve the 2012 Ehrlich contract in the amount of \$1,248.00.** Under discussion, Nancy Alessi, requested that the Palisades School District be contacted to verify the procedures they follow when spraying their athletic fields. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

**-A letter of interest was received from Henry Gawronski for the Park & Rec Board. A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Shannon Doman, to appoint Henry Gawronski to the Park & Rec Board. The motion carried 3-0-1 with Albert Santopietro abstaining.** He will complete the term of Charlotte McClintock which expires 12/31/2015.

**-Nockamixon Historic Commission -** Member, Jim Logan, gave a short report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**a. Borrowing for Truck - Resolution to Authorize Borrowing Funds for Truck -** The Board discussed the recently purchased truck. Liquid Fuels Funds will be used to pay the truck loan. **A motion was made by Carl Bahnck, seconded by Albert Santopietro, to approve the resolution to authorize borrowing funds for capital purposes to purchase the Public Works Truck as presented. Resolution #4-17-2012.** Under discussion, Nancy Alessi requested that in the future, and with the assistance of the Treasurer, the Board develops a Capital Equipment Plan for presentation at 2013 budget meetings. **The motion carried 4-0-0.**

**b. Shively Property - Authorize Advertisement of Ordinance and Public Hearing -** The Board is considering purchasing the 19-acre Shively property located at 8708 Easton Road at a cost of \$425,000.00. The Township will borrow the moneys needed; noting that the township complex may include open space, sports fields, a municipal building and garages. The Township is outgrowing their current facility and needs to move forward. Ottsville Fire Company indicated their willingness to construct a substation on this site as well. The following residents voiced their concerns regarding incurring debt and uses for this and other township property: Jim Logan, Katherine Throckmorton, Henry Gawronski and Gary Westerfer. The Board, as part of the process, will provide a sketch plan of the complex. **A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Albert Santopietro, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for an ordinance and public hearing for the Shively property located at 8708 Easton Road, TMP# 30-11-143. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Krista Harper, Esq. left the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

**SUBDIVISIONS:**

**a. Facht, Helverson & Litzenberger - Plan of Lot Consolidation - TMP# 30-4-64; -64-2 & -64-3 - Wynn Review 2/28/2012; BCPC Review 2/29/2012 - Board approval -** The Planning Commission reviewed and approved this plan in March 2012. The applicant Dennis Litzenberger and the Board reviewed the Wynn Letter of 2/28/2012. The property consists of 14.22 acres to be divided/merged as follows: 5.5 acres to be conveyed to TMP# 30-4-64-2, and 8.7244 acres to be conveyed to TMP# 30-4-64-3. TMP# 30-4-64 will no longer exist. No construction is proposed. The B.C. Planning Commission has also reviewed and approved the plan. A variance for the property was approved by the Zoning Hearing Board. The trailer currently on the property will be removed upon the passing of Mrs. Facht. The applicant indicated that he

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will comply with all the provisions as noted in the Wynn Assoc. letter. - **A motion was made by Carl Bahnck, seconded by Albert Santopietro, to approve the plan of lot consolidation for Facht, Helverson & Litzenberger Plan TMP# 30-4-64; -64-2 & -64-3 contingent upon the applicant meeting the conditions noted in the Wynn Associates review letter of 2/28/2012. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

**RELEASE OF ESCROW:**

**a. Camp Nock-A-Mixon L/D TMP# 30-4-34 - requests Release of Escrow after final bills are paid. Cancelled Project.** The Board discussed the request received from Camp Nock-A-Mixon. It was the consensus of the board to table this matter until the May meeting.

**b. B. Erhardt 4-Lot Subdivision TMP# 30-8-125-1 - Requests Release of Escrow after final bills are paid - A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Albert Santopietro, to approve the release of escrow, after final bills are paid, for the Beatriz Erhardt 4-Lot subdivision TMP#30-8-125-1. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. 1798 Map CD - Proposals Update.** The Secretary, Arlene Eichlin, commented that the Upper Bucks County Technical School (UBCTS) has responded with a quote. A sample copy of the map will be forthcoming. She requested an amount up to \$200.00 to purchase. **A motion was made by Albert Santopietro, seconded by Nancy Alessi, to expend up to \$200.00 to purchase 25 copies of the 1798 map, based upon Board approval of the sample map. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. BCDH - West Nile Virus Program - Permission Letter - A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Albert Santopietro, to have the Secretary send a letter to Bucks County Department of Health granting permission to treat municipal properties for mosquito control. The motion carried 4-0-0.** The Board requested that the confirmation letter to the County include a request for a listing of pesticides used in the larvacide to treat the areas, as well as a list of antidotes if someone comes in contact.

**b. Letter of Interest - Henry Gawronski - Park & Rec Board.** Addressed earlier in the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

All of the Committee Reports were addressed earlier in the meeting.

- a. Zoning Report - April 2012**
- b. Emergency Management**
- c. Environmental Advisory Committee**
- d. BNT Ground Water Committee**
- e. Open Space Committee**
- f. Park & Recreation Board**
- g. Nockamixon Historic commission**

-Albert Santopietro commented that David Janson, a Township resident and Army Veteran, passed away recently. He wanted to thank American Legion Post 399 for giving him a proper Military Burial.

-Nancy Alessi commented that John Mark Courtney also participated in the 2012 Philadelphia Flower Show.

**ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Albert Santopietro, seconded by Nancy Alessi, to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:12 P.M. The motion carried 4-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlene E. Eichlin  
Recording Secretary